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District 4 News

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News & Views from around your community



Greetings!

Summer is finally creeping up on us around our district, signaling the end of the school year and bringing proms, senior award events, and graduation ceremonies – some of which I have been proud to attend to recognize our talented grads.

In the County Council, we spent May attending close to two dozen budget hearings with county agencies including fire and police, schools, libraries, planning, economic development, and environmental protection.

Please take a look inside for what's going on around the 4th District, including a story on the continued drop in crime rates in all of the district's precincts. We are looking forward to the June 17 ribbon cutting of the new Owings Mills CCBC campus at Metro Centre, and an open house later in the month. Also inside are stories on health disparities, and the 50th anniversary of Gwynn Oak Park's integration.

I've been in the community, attending events honoring our stellar educators and our Fallen Heroes, and at senior awards event at New Town High and other graduation ceremonies in the district.

My office would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Owings Mills resident and Reisterstown Volunteer Fire Co. firefighter, Gene Kirchner, on his tragic death in the line of duty. And we'd like to extend our warmest regards to his colleagues and friends at the fire station, which has been serving our community proudly for 100 years.

If you need to reach my office, give us a call at (410) 887-3389, or send us an email at council4@baltimorecountymd.gov. We are here to serve you. Thanks again for the opportunity to continue working for you.

Best regards,

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Budget News

County Council adopts Fiscal Year 2014 Budget

Following a month of careful study and consideration, including budget hearings with many county agency officials who wished to discuss proposed funding, the County Council adopted the \$2.78 billion FY 2014 Budget at a special legislative session on Thursday, May 23, in council chambers in Towson. The budget represents a slim 2.81 percent increase over 2013.

Throughout May, county residents, employees, and agency officials from the departments of planning, property management, rec and parks, elections, economic development, environmental protection, insurance/retirement, CCBC, fire, public works, police, BCPL, and BCPS, among others, discussed the budget in the Council's Plum Room, a meeting room in-the-round, where the council's regular work sessions are held.

Council members, agency heads and experts discussed the efficacy and efficiency of certain programs – and whether flat funding, cuts, or funding increases were necessary and appropriate.

For instance, with a state mandate to increase the number of early-voting centers in Baltimore County, would the Board of Elections receive sufficient funding, and what would budget impacts be as the county upgrades its fleet of voting machines to those that offer voters paper receipts? Or, how would implementing the state-mandated Stormwater Remediation Fee affect the Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability's budget?



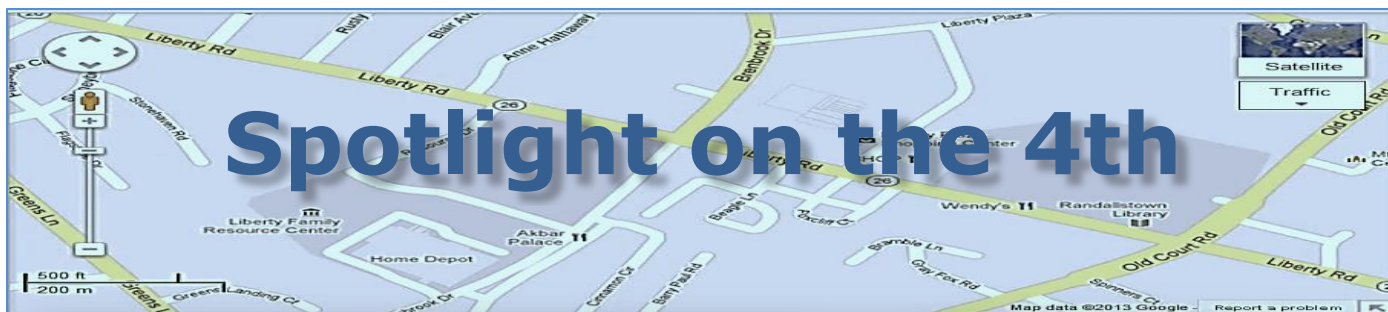
Hundreds of pages of budget documents and line items were combed through and considered, until final budget deliberations led to the May 23 vote and adoption of Baltimore County's multi-billion-dollar budget. All of this while the council also dealt with its slate of legislation and public meetings.

Budget highlights include:

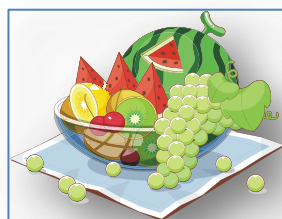
- \$25.9 million for new northwest corridor elementary school
- \$183,000 for two new school safety employees
- \$6.8 million for volunteer fire companies
- \$5 million for Rolling Road improvements; \$11.1 million for county bridge projects
- \$11.4 million for storm drain improvement projects; \$3 million for targeted street sweeping

"Although the nation is still experiencing economic turmoil, I am happy to report that this budget, while it has austerity built in, nonetheless continues and in some cases increases funding for the top-notch services that our constituents expect and deserve in our county," Councilman Oliver said.

For more information, go to www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/budfin/budget



Check out what's happening around the 4th District



The grand opening of the Randallstown Farmers Market is set for Liberty Court Shopping Center, Liberty

and Old Court roads, on Wednesday, June 12, at 1 p.m. The market will run Wednesdays, 1-5 p.m., from June 12 to Oct. 9. Contact Kelly Carter at 410-655-7766.

Reisterstown Farmers Market, started Sunday, June 2, and runs Sundays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., on the parking lot between 354-360 Main St. Call 443-841-8700, or email revareid@gmail.com, for more info.

[\(Click here for more farmers market listings\)](#)

Northwest corridor neighborhoods, including **Owings Mills, Randallstown, Reisterstown and Glyndon**, were named as **Best Places to Live** in the April edition of **Baltimore magazine**.

A Jazzy Night Out, to benefit the **Baltimore County African American Cultural Festival Scholarship Fund**, is June 14, 5-9 p.m., Benjamin Banneker Museum, 300 Oella Ave., Catonsville. \$10 adv/\$12 door. Tix: www.aaculturalfestival.com, or call 443-562-5203, or 410-645-0765.

What's happening at your library branch:

- **Owings Mills Library events:** 410-887-2092 **Baby Story Time**, Thursday, **June 13**, 9:30 a.m., infants to 23 months with adult, registration required. **Preschool Story Time**, Thursday, **June 13**, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., 2-5 years with an adult.
- **Randallstown Library events:** 410-887-0770 **"Preschool Story Time,"** Weds., **June 12**, 10 a.m., 2-5 years with adult. **"Baby Story Time,"** **June 12**, 11 a.m., ages to 23 months with adult, registration required. **"Intro to Microsoft Word,"** Sat., **June 15**, 9 a.m., registration req.
- **Woodlawn Library events:** 410-887-1336 **"African-American Music Appreciation Month,"** Gerrell the Band, all ages, under 8 w/adult, Weds., **June 12**, 7 p.m. **"Mandarin Chinese Story Time,"** under 8 with adult, Thurs., **June 13**, 7 p.m. *For more events and info, www.bcpl.info*

Check out the **graduating seniors** profiled by BCPS, from **Milford Mill Academy, New Town, Owings Mills, Randallstown, and Woodlawn:** bcps.org/students/showcase/2013/cJones.html

The Washington Post rated **13 BCPS schools** as **among the most challenging** in the nation, including **Franklin, Owings Mills, and Pikesville** high schools.

Precinct 2 Police Community Relations Council Awards

County and police officials and Precinct 2 residents gathered recently for the Precinct 2 Police Community Relations Council recognition awards honoring **Officer of the Year Det. Jeffrey Lauer**. Councilman Oliver and Councilman Tom Quirk (D-1st) were joined by State Delegate Shirley Nathan Pulliam (D-10th) in honoring Det. Lauer's work.



For those needing a helping hand, area food pantries include: **Jesus House Baltimore**, 7710 Windsor Mill Road, holds a monthly free food pantry the first

Saturday of every month, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. For more info call 410-493-4632. **Reisterstown United Methodist Church**, 246 Main St., holds a food pantry Weds. 6-8 p.m., and Sat. 9 a.m. to noon. Donations can be dropped off during pantry hours, but call the office first, at 410-833-5440.

More Spotlight on the 4th...

Celebrate the grand opening of the Owings Mills campus of CCBC at the County Campus Metro Centre, at Grand Central Avenue off Painters Mill Road, on Monday, **June 17**, at 11 a.m.

The new CCBC Owings Mills campus will inhabit the top three floors of the six-story building, which also houses the newest, and largest, county library branch on the first two floors.



The third floor, which includes a large quiet study room, a large community meeting room, classrooms and offices, will be shared by the college and library.

A community open house is coming up later in the month. *Stay tuned!*

Councilman Oliver the LRBA and other county and business officials helped property management company **Morgan Properties** celebrate the renovation of its Northwest Crossing apartments in Randallstown at a recent ribbon cutting.

For more information, go to: <http://morgan-properties.com/morganlocations/propertyDetail.asp?propertyID=4101>



John Carter photo

“Somebody needs to mow that grass...”



Who do you turn to when there is an abandoned property on your street that's turned into a dumping ground? Or a foreclosed house next door with two-foot high grass?

These are common county code violations, and the Baltimore County Code delineates regulations against these types of nuisances. It's very easy to submit a complaint online, and to follow the complaint as it moves through the inspection process.

First, you can check the online database of complaints to see if the issue has been reported. Click link below, then click Code Enforcement: www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/permits/codeenforcement

If you do not find a complaint already filed, you may fill out an online complaint form here: baltimorecountymd.gov/needtocontact/codecomplaint.

For more information and a general overview of county codes and code enforcement, go to: www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/permits/codeinspections.html

The Liberty Road Business Association is holding its next **General Membership meeting** on Wednesday, June 12, 8:15-9:30 a.m. at CCBC Liberty Center, Liberty and Offutt roads, Rooms 154/155. For more information, call Kelly Carter at 410-655-7766, email lrba@lrba.biz, or go to lrba.biz

“Immigration 101,” learn the process of becoming a U.S. citizen, Mon., June 10, 6-8 p.m., **Randallstown Library**, 8604 Liberty Road, 410-887-0770. Registration required.

More Spotlight on the 4th...

Gwynn Oak Amusement Park in Woodlawn was a mainstay of family entertainment for decades.

Opened in 1906, the park was built on land adjacent to the Gwynns Falls, and offered amusements such as roller coasters, a whip, Tilt-A-Whirl, boat rides, midway games and food, and the Dixie Ballroom. Gwynn Oak was known as a family park, but during six of its seven decades in operation, it did not allow blacks in to enjoy the rides, or boats, food, games or the music



in the ballroom. In the late 1950s, area black and Jewish leaders began calling for the park's desegregation. That was finally achieved in 1963, and this year events are planned to celebrate the 50th anniversary of its integration.

The events of 1963 will be marked at the event, **“Opening the Gates: Celebrating Gwynn Oak Amusement Park 50 Years Later,”** Sunday, **July 7**, from 1-7 p.m. [Facebook.com/gwynnoak1963](https://www.facebook.com/gwynnoak1963).

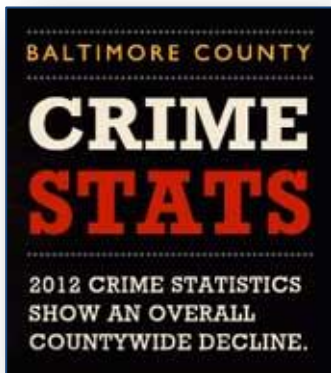
Baltimore news cameraman and filmmaker, Pete O'Neal, has made a compelling documentary about the park and the desegregation efforts, **“All the King's Horses: The Story of Gwynn Oak Amusement Park.”** Check out a film clip at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPRMQH9PxFQ&list=UUZg7jKDwbmRf5uXQPBdHpjg&index=2

A special showing of the film is set for Sunday, **June 9**, 3:30 p.m., at Metropolitan United Methodist Church (a staging center for the protesters), 1121 W. Lanvale St., in Baltimore.

Meanwhile, the carousel from Gwynn Oak Park survived even Hurricane Agnes, and was moved to the National Mall in Washington, D.C., where it is now being enjoyed by everyone. www.wtop.com/41/2762804/The-Carousel-on-the-Mall-Spinning-civil-rights-history

Public Safety News

County Crime stats show crime drops in District 4 precincts



The county's 2012 crime statistics, released recently, show a close to 7 percent drop in overall crime in the county, with violent crime and property crime down or flat in every category in the Fourth District's Precinct 2/Woodlawn and Precinct 3/Franklin. Crime was up in only one category in Precinct 4/Pikesville, with theft (non-violent) up 16 incidents, or 1.4 percent, in 2012.

Although public perceptions persist that crime is always on the rise, countywide statistics paint a much different picture.

"I'm pleased to announce some extremely good news for Baltimore County," Police Chief James Johnson said in his May address. "Our Year End Crime Report for 2012 is finished, and these new statistics show that crime is down across Baltimore County. It's down overall, and it's down in

virtually every single category. Crime dropped against the previous five-year average – the best way to get an accurate picture of our crime trends. It also fell compared to 2011 in almost every category."

Here's a breakdown by the precincts in the Fourth District comparing five-year averages to 2012 statistics:

- Precinct 2/Woodlawn saw drops in homicide (-40 percent); rape (no change); robbery (-31.5 percent); aggravated assault (-14.3 percent). Total violent crime is down 20.5 percent in the precinct. Likewise, crime dropped in all property crime, including burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. Total property crime is down 486 incidents, or by 17.2 percent. Crime overall is down 11.6 percent.
- Precinct 3/Franklin saw drops in homicide (-100 percent, from 1 to 0); rape (-25 percent); robbery (-7.1 percent); aggravated assault (-17 percent). Total violent crime is down 14.2 percent. Likewise, incidents dropped in all property crime, including burglary, theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. Total property crime is down 234 incidents, or by 11.7 percent. Crime overall is down 9 percent.
- Precinct 4/Pikesville saw homicides and rapes stay flat at 2 and 10; and drops in robbery (-13.5 percent), and aggravated assault (-11.5 percent). Total violent crime is down 12.1 percent. Likewise, incidents dropped in motor vehicle theft and arson, while theft was up 1.4 percent. Total property crime is down 119 incidents, or by 6.7 percent. Crime overall is down in Precinct 4 by 4.5 percent.

"While the perception may persist that crime is up in our community, these numbers are clear proof that not only is our community a safe one, but the trend is that it is becoming safer," Councilman Oliver said.



Health News

Health department hosts symposium to S.T.O.P. health disparities



County Health Officer and Director of Health and Human Services, Dr. Gregory Wm. Branch, hosted a town hall meeting on health disparities at the Randallstown library recently.

Dr. Branch and the health department have a mission to reach out to the community, share what top health disparities are affecting the community, and encourage people to be active caretakers in improving health and lowering risks and risky behavior.

The town hall program used the easy to remember phrase, “**STOP the ITCH**,” to help people remember important health information to **S.T.O.P.** (Screen, Treat, Own, Prevent) some of the county’s top health issues, the **I.T.C.H** (Infant Mortality, Tobacco Use, Cardiovascular Disease, and HIV/AIDS). The health disparities include:

- **Infant Mortality:** Baltimore County’s overall infant mortality is 6.3 per 1,000 live births. The white infant mortality is 3.6 per 1,000 live births, while the black infant mortality is 12.7 per 1,000 live births
- **Tobacco Use:** Young, minority Marylanders are smoking flavored cigarettes at higher rates than white youth, increasing their risk of lung and other cancers. Flavored cigarette use was higher for Asians (56.8 percent), Native Hawaiians/Pacific Islanders (55.5 percent), and American Indians (54.6 percent) compared to their white (39.9 percent) counterparts.
- **Cardiovascular Disease:** Nationally, black men are 30 percent more likely to die from heart disease than non-Hispanic white men. Black men and women are 40 percent more likely to have high blood pressure than white men and women.
- **HIV/AIDS:** Black women account for 85.3 percent of prevalent HIV cases among women in Maryland. Of the over 15,000 AIDS-related deaths reported in Maryland, 77 percent were black.

In light of the above, and other data showing stark health disparities, the county health department is using education and outreach, like the recent town hall meeting, to inform the community about programs on reducing incidences of, and preventing, infant mortality, tobacco use, cardiovascular disease and HIV/AIDS.

For more information, call 410-887-2243, or visit www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/health/index.html (7)

County Council Roundup:

Baltimore County Council's legislative June/July schedule:

MONTH	MEETING DATE	WORK SESSION
June/July	6-03-13	5-28-13
	7-01-13	6-25-13

The following Bills, in PDF format, were introduced by the County Council at its June 3, 2013 meeting. These Bills will be discussed at the June 25, 2013 Work Session at 2 p.m. Final Reading and Vote will occur at the Legislative Session on Monday, July 1, 2013 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

- [Bill 37-13](#) Personnel Laws of Baltimore County
- [Bill 38-13](#) Bicycle Parking in the C.T. District of Towson
- [Bill 39-13](#) Public Swimming Pools and Bathing Beaches

The following Resolutions, in PDF format, were introduced by the County Council at its June 3, 2013 meeting. These Resolutions will be discussed at the June 25, 2013 Work Session at 2 p.m. Final Reading and Vote will occur at the Legislative Session on Monday, July 1, 2013 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

- [Resolution 47-13](#) Accept a donation - ESP Recreation Council - Fort Howard Park
- [Resolution 48-13](#) Endorsement of Application-MD Dept. of Housing & Comm. Dev.-NPVCA
- [Resolution 49-13](#) Expansion of Residential Permit Parking Area -Perryvale Road & Jacinth Way - [Attachment](#)
- [Resolution 50-13](#) Designation of Sustainable Community - Towson Area - [Attachment](#)
- [Resolution 51-13](#) Baltimore County Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee - Bike Sharing Program

*Come out and watch your
County Council in action*

Baltimore County Council meetings are open to the public and scheduled every first and third Monday at 6 pm., except holidays. For more details and updates, go to baltimorecountymd.gov.



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IN CASE OF EMERGENCY- CALL 911

Snow/Storm- 410-887-3560

Other Non-Emergency Concerns- 410-887-2222

Employment/Jobs/Business

- **Liberty Center – employment/job training**
3637 Offutt Road, 410-887-8912, www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/jobtraining
- **Liberty Road Business Association – business group**
9405 Liberty Road, 410-655-7766, www.lrba.biz
- **Jobs with Baltimore County –** www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/humanresources/jobs

Health Services

- **Liberty Resource Center – county health services**
3525 Resource Drive, 410-887-0600, baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/health/healthservices
- **Woodlawn Health Center – county health services**
1811 Woodlawn Drive, 410-887-1332, baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/health/healthservices

Library branches

- **Randallstown Library – books, computers, events and more**
8604 Liberty Road, 410-887-0770, www.bcpl.info/hours-locations/randallstown
- **Owings Mills Library – books, computers, events and more**
Metro Centre at Owings Mills, 410-887-2092, www.bcpl.info/hours-locations/owings-mills
- **Woodlawn Library – books, computers, events and more**
1811 Woodlawn Drive, 410-887-1336, www.bcpl.info/hours-locations/woodlawn

Mediation

- **Baltimore County Conflict Resolution Center – conflict resolution services**
410-663-7070, www.CRCbaltimoreCounty.org

Recreation – www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/recreation

- **Liberty Road Recreation Council – sports and recreation activities**
Milford Mill Academy, 3800 Washington Ave., 410-887-0700
- **Northwest Regional Park – sports fields, pavilions, playground, trails**
4515 Deer Park Road, 410-887-1582,
- **Owings Mills Recreation Council – sports and recreation activities**
New Town High, 4931 New Town Boulevard, 410-887-1582
- **Randallstown Community Center – rec council sports, fitness, arts, meetings**
3505 Resource Drive, 410-887-0698
- **Randallstown Y Aquatics Center – Y of Maryland pool and classes**
3505 Resource Drive, 410-496-4272
- **Woodlawn Community Center – rec council, senior and community activities**
2120 Gwynn Oak Ave, 410-887-1357

Seniors

- **Liberty Senior Center – senior services and activities**
3525 Resource Drive, 410-887-0780, www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/aging/centers
 - **Woodlawn Senior Center – senior services and activities**
2120 Gwynn Oak Avenue, 410-887-6887, www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/aging/centers
- For more information go to www.baltimorecountymd.gov

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